

STALEYS ACCEPT ROCK ISLAND'S BID

MOGULS YIELD TO PLEA FLANIGAN FOR RETURN GAME FRIDAY ON DOUGLAS PARK GRID

Signed Last Night in Chicago After All-Day Conference
Early Rush for Tickets; Early Season Assured; Staleys
Get Big Concessions.

BRUCE COPELAND.
The rocky football profes-
sionals who banded Rock Island's
Staleys to their only defeat of
the Chicago Cardinals, Oct. 17, have con-
ceded to a return game Sunday
at Douglas park. Nego-
tiation for the game was closed
last night in the Planter's Hotel,
Chicago, by Manager Flanigan of
the Staleys, and a high
bid representing the Staley ath-
letes in Decatur.

The all-day conference between
the two teams was necessary to bring about
a satisfactory agreement to tri-city
football fans, whereby the Staleys,
the greatest sensation of the year
in professional football, abandoned
extensive plans of their own
to stage the great game
in Decatur, in favor of Rock Island
and its superior bid.

Staleys Belittle R. I.
The Staleys have deeply resent-
ed aspirations against their victory
over the Independents by the inde-
pendent score of 7-0, in which it was
argued that the winning touchdown
was practically a gift; also that the
Independents were in no suitable
condition to give them a battle. One
of the strongest inducements offered
the Staleys was that the game
in Rock Island would give them
another chance of proving
their superiority or otherwise.

The Staleys are cocksure that
they can defeat the Independents
by even a greater score than two
weeks ago. They boast they're
logical contenders for the world's
championship by virtue of their
victories over the Independents and
Chicago Tigers. Now they see a
chance of further demonstrating
their prowess by coming to
Rock Island next Sunday and dis-
puting all doubts as to who's who.

Team Brags Prowess.
Staley center, was called
into the conference along with sev-
eral members of the team, and de-
clared that the Independents were
the softest playing proposition
he had ever opposed. Leave
him to brag, the Staleys are
strong and speedy enough to
win the battle to almost any cen-
ter of prominence. He, however,
ends it on thick.

Staleys, suave with noticeable
tongue of vindictiveness toward any
opponent, avowed openly that he
was positive his team could defeat
the Independents by at least three
touchdowns without having his own
goal line even so much as threat-
ened. Each in their turn, the Staley
players convinced their officials
that they would be taking no
chances in playing a return game in
Rock Island, doing their utmost to
belittle the Independents.

Scot Sunday Victory.
The Staleys even scoffed Sun-
day's victory over the Chicago Tig-
ers, remarking that they (the Sta-
leys) would have defeated the Tig-
ers by four or five touchdowns on
a dry field. In fact, the players
left no stone unturned for the ben-
efit of their employers in convinc-
ing them that the Independents
were a poor proposition to pick; and
then a smack at the Ohio champion for
the title.

So, after forcing Manager Flani-
gan to yield the largest concessions
ever accorded a professional foot-
ball team, the Staley moguls de-
cided to sign the contract and posted
forfeit to that effect. By so doing,
they are running the risk of incur-
ring the utmost displeasure of De-
catur fans, who have been plugging
for the game for the last week or 10
days. Decatur boosters were plan-
ning to offer the Islanders alluring
inducements to play in Decatur.

Flanigan Stands Pat.
Before accepting Rock Island's
bid, the Decatur men sought in ev-
ery way to dissuade Manager Flani-
gan from playing Sunday in Rock
Island. They brought strong per-
sonalities to bear, but to no avail.
Flanigan stood firm on his resolve
that the game should be played
here or nowhere; and his determi-
nation finally won out.

Since defeating Rock Island, the
Staleys have done everything in
their power to belittle the inde-
pendents' grand playing record.
They have referred openly to the
Independents as "softies," "punks,"
"rowdies," "small-towners," and
other epithets equally as distaste-
ful. They have given central illu-
strations to understand that the In-
dependents are a vastly overrated foot-
ball team in their quest for supporters.

Their Regard for Us.
The Staleys are out to win the
world's championship by hook or
crook; that is admitted. They are
firm in their consensus that the In-
dependents are mostly veterans,
broken-down truck horses, which
gives them the self-satisfied call as
the only logical contender to play
for the title. They are certain they
will catch the Islanders woefully
out of condition, as they did two
weeks ago. They do not concede
the team a solitary chance of even
approaching their goal line.

These are some of the motives
advanced by the Staley players in
support of their plea that the game
be played in Rock Island. They
are cagey enough to admit that the
Staleys comprise a more fertile
field for recruits and Manager
Flanigan's liberal concessions dis-
cussed largely in dissuading the Sta-
ley management from former plans
of holding the game in Decatur.

\$12,000 Split Likely.
By the final arrangements, it is
believed that the Staleys will split
the neighborhood of \$12,000 with

Tigers' Defeat in A Nutshell

COMPILED BY BRUCE COPELAND.

THE SUMMARY

Runners	Where	Gains	Tot.
Nichols	run punt	40	23
Annun	line	23	23
Annun	double pass	4	27
Wymann	line	64	64
Chickens	line	4	4
Novak	line	40	40
Novak	double pass	11	51
Kuehl	line	21	21
Marshall	run punt	10	81
Marshall	kickoff	14	95
Smith	forward pass	19	19

On penalties 5
(First Downs by Quarters.)
0 3 0 0 3

Touchdowns: Chickens 2, Wymann.
Goals from touchdowns: Nichols 2.
Goals missed: Marshall 1.
Fumbles: 6 (Nichols 2, Kuehl 1,
Novak 1, Chickens 1).
Fumbles recovered: 3.
Fumbles recovered by oppo-
nents: 2.
Opponents' fumbles: 1.
Complete passes: 2.
Passes incomplete: 6.
Punts: Novak, 37, 17, 45, 45, 45;
average, 38.
Block opponents' punts: Smith,
Lyle.
Recovered blocked punt, Smith.
No gains: Wymann, 2.
Yards lost in scrimmage: Nich-
ols 10, Chickens 6, Kuehl 2, Tital
18.
Time out: 7 times.

CHICAGO TIGERS.

Runners	Where	Gains	Tot.
Falcon	line	60	60
Annun	line	16	16
Annun	pass	13	29
Annun	run punt	11	40
Annun	kickoff	25	65
Barrett	Recov. fumble	14	79
Knopp	forward pass	17	96
Ghee	run punt	3	100

On penalties 10-10
(First Downs by Quarters.)
0 3 0 0 3

Touchdowns: Annun. Goal from
touchdown, Matthews.
Fumbles: 3 (Ghee 2, Barrett 1).
Fumbles recovered (Bossett 1,
Barrett 1).
Opponents' fumbles (Des Jar-
dien).
Complete passes, 3.
Incomplete passes, 6.
Punts: (Barrett) 37, 46, 45, 50,
44, 7; average, 39. (Des Jardien)
60, 45; average, 53.
Punts blocked by opponents: 1.
No gains: Ghee 3, Annun 2, Bar-
rett 2, Falcon 1.
Yards lost in scrimmage: Des
Jardien 8, Annun 6 total 14.
Lost ball on downs, 1.
Time out: 4 times.

FIRST QUARTER.

Runners	Where	Gains	Tot.
Tigers	Falcon	18	18
Ghee	line	4	22
Annun	line	1	23
Barrett	Punt	37	60
R. I.	Novak	Fumble	
Tigers	Bossett	Recovered fumble	
Annun	line	3	3
Falcon	line	4	7
Falcon	line	1	8
Ghee	line	6	14

(Tigers surrendered ball
on downs.)
R. I.—Novak 6 Line
Chickens (1st D.) 2 Line
Novak 18 Line
(R. I. took time; first
down.)
Nichols 4 Line
Nichols Lost 2 Fumble
Nichols to Smith
Nichols 18 Forward pass
(1st down on 2-yard
line.)
Chickens (for TD, 2 Line
Marshall Missed goal
Barrett 25 Line
Tigers 2 Line
Barrett 2 Line
Ghee to Barrett 0 P. Pass
Barrett Punt 46 yds.
R. I.—Nichols 24 Run back punt
Wymann 3 Line
Chickens Lost 2 Line
Nichols F. Pass incomplete
Novak Punt 17 yds.
Tigers—Falcon 9 Run back punt
Ghee to Knopp
Forward Pass incomplete
Ghee to Knopp
Forward Pass incomplete
Barrett Punt Blocked by Lyle
Chickens 40 yds. punt
Chickens (Out of bounds)
Wymann 2 Line
Chickens 4 Line
(1st down on 40-yd.
line.)
Nichols Fumble
Tigers—Des Jardien Recov. fum.
Falcon 30 yds. line
Falcon 3 Line
(End of 1st quarter.)

SECOND QUARTER.

Tigers	Barrett	..... 25	Run back punt	R. L.	Kuehl	..... 10	Run back punt
Barrett	..... 0	Line				..... 3	(2nd quarter ends; bal-
Annun	..... 0	Line				..... 3	on 40-yd. line).
Ghee to Barrett	0	F. Pass		FOURTH QUARTER.			
Barrett	..... Punt 46 yds.			Team.	Player.		Gain.
R. I.	Nichols	..... 24	Run back punt				(Barrett replaced Ma-
Wymann	..... 3	Line					lone.)
Nichols	..... Lost 2 yds.						(Malone replaced Bod-
Nichols	F. Pass	..... 1	Line				well.)
Novak	..... Punt 17 yds.						
Tigers	Falcon	..... 9	Run back punt	R. L.	Novak	..... 3	End
Ghee to Knapp	..... 0	Line			Novak	..... 3	End

ZUPPKE FEARS STAGG ELEVEN

Illini Look to Chicago Game as
Toughest on Schedule—Great
Respect for Maroons.

Urbana, Ill., Nov. 2.—Husbanding
his forces for the battle with the
Maroons Saturday, regarded by
him as the toughest test yet for the
fighting Illini, Bob Zuppke called
it a day on Illinois field after 15
minutes' practice for the regulars.
With a comfortable sized hospital
list as a result of the brush with
the Gophers, Zuppke elects to take
no chances. It is predicted that
Chicago will prove the most dan-
gerous foe that Illinois has met,
and it is by no means certain that
the Illini will invade Stagg field in
tip-top shape.

Laurie Walquist was able to re-
port last night, but there is some
fear that his ankle will not stand
the strain. Inability of "The Think-
er" to play the entire Maroon game
would be well-nigh fatal. It is be-
lieved Al Mohr, veteran guard, who
had to be relieved Saturday, in an-
other casualty. There are others
catalogued as injured who may be
all right in a few days.

Charley Carney, Illinois' brilliant
end, regarded along with Captain
Depler as all-American timber, was
called home to Evanston by the ill-
ness of his father. So, all in all,
there is no cheerfulness over pros-
pects for beating and Ohio in a
row to be met, and no layoff be-
tween Zuppke cannot keep his squad
too high.

CORNELL WINS DESPITE BLUES OF "GIL" DOBIE

Crafty Coach Spills Sob
Stuff to Speed Up
Ithacans.

BY HENRY E. FARRELL.
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, Nov. 2.—Imagine Will
Hays coming out and saying that
Harding didn't have a chance; that
the Democrats would win in a
walk.

Republican toes would point to
the sky.
Imagine a football coach coming
out and saying his team would
win; that the opposition didn't
have a chance.
The campus would become a
cemetery.

Lantern jaws, watery eyes and
sob-choked vocal chords have be-
come a characteristic part of every
major coach's mien and makeup.
Man of Gloom.
Gil Dobie, "miracle man" of the
west, former gridiron tutor of the
navy and now the handler of Corn-
ell's football destinies, is the cham-
pion tear-shedder of the game. He
believes, for purposes of his own,
that behind every silver cloud
there's a black lining.

Last fall he had a lot of news-
paper men patting him on the back
and extending sympathies over the
bad plight that he pronounced him-
self in.
"The Army will win by at least
three touchdowns," he said. The
Navy won, 6 to 0.

Bill Roper, getting the same
habit of draping a shroud around
the Princeton Tigers. He says they
have a poor chance to beat Har-
vard or Yale.
Hugo Bezdek has one of the
greatest teams of the east down at
Penn State, but his favorite music is
the "blues."

When they mean calling us
champions? We've got state; we'll
lose this game," he said before the
state eleven ruined Penn last Sat-
urday.
Nebraska, Too.
Even this morning Coach Schulte,
with the husky Nebraska team,
painted cloudy pictures of his
chances on account of the long
rail trip to New York.

ELLER SUBMITS BLOOD TO SAVE MOTHER-IN-LAW

Danville, Ill., Nov. 2.—Hod Eller,
pitcher of the Cincinnati Reds,
entered a hospital today for a blood
transfusion in an effort to save the
life of his mother-in-law, Mrs. G.
W. Salmans.
The physicians examined Eller
when he volunteered and found his
blood exactly right for such an
operation. The transfusion took
place today and, later, strengthen-
ed by her son-in-law's blood, Mrs.
Salmans will be operated upon.

threw end Malone.)
Novak Stopped by penalty
(Knopp offside; 1st down
on 5-yd. line.)
Kuehl 2 Line
(Pierce replaced Mat-
thews.)
Kuehl 2 Line
Wymann 1 (for TD, 2 Line
(Denfield opened last
four holes.)
(Nichols kicked goal.)
(Webber replaced mth.)
Tigers—Knopp 10 fumble on 10-yd.
(Barrett recovered fumble;
stopped by Shaw on
Tigers' 24-yd. line.)
Annun 9 Line
(Annun stopped by Gun-
derman.)
Barrett to Malone
Forward pass incomplete
(Pass blocked by Kuehl.)
Barrett Punt 7 yds.
(Punt rolled out of bds.
on Tigers' 31-yd. line.)
Kuehl 6 Line
Nichols 6 Line
(First 14 Line
thrown by R. Falcon as
game ended.)

The Sportscope

By Bruce Copeland.

Tri-Cities Indebted to Decatur.

SUCCESSFUL negotiation to bring the Staleys back to Rock Island to
meet the Independents next Sunday afternoon is regarded as the
most glittering triumph this year in professional football. It is
evident that a defeated team is accorded the honor of a return
game when the football season is limited to only a dozen games, and
with so many formidable competitors in the field.

Tri-city enthusiasm, however, should not be confined wholly to selfish
impulses; for, despite the courage and determination of the Independent
management in securing the game for Rock Island, Decatur sportsman-
ship was the ideal that closed the negotiation.
A football game between the Independents and Staleys in Decatur
would mean just as much to Decatur as it will to Rock Island. This
city for two years has profited materially from the prestige of champion-
ship football.

The Staleys have a good chance to win the title. If they should defeat
the Islanders again, Akron alone will stand between them and the
world's championship. No wonder it took Manager Flanigan 10 hours
yesterday to persuade the Staley management to yield for the benefit of
tri-city fans, than whom there are no better!

Only real sportsmen are known to yield to the wishes of their oppo-
nents. In so yielding to their fondest wish, tri-city football fans are
deeply indebted to Decatur and her good sports.

Comparisons—Odious, But True.

SUNDAY'S defeat of the Canton Bulldogs by Akron must have
been a bitter pill for the Thorpeans, especially as the 10-0 rout
was imparted in the Bulldogs' own ballfield, which they have
protected so assiduously for the last three years.
However, the defeat of Canton should not be taken as an indi-
cation of any particular weakness in view of their game with the
Independents, Nov. 21 in Canton. "Once to every man," is common
to all classes of sport and the Bulldogs were destined, sooner or
later, to get theirs.

The fact that the Independents are scheduled to play Akron in
Rock Island, Nov. 23 (the week after the Canton game), should
move the Islanders to greater endeavor, for only the strictest ad-
herence to training regulations will enable the Independents
to meet either Canton or Akron on even terms.
By their defeat of Canton, Akron looms as the sensation of the
east in professional circles, having previously stopped Cleveland,
Wheeling, Dayton, Detroit, Toledo, Panhandles, etc., by decisive
scores. Without under-estimating Canton's strength, Akron, man
for man, outplayed the Cantonians at almost every turn.

If the Independents come through safely Sunday against the
Triangles, here Nov. 14, then will come the trip to Canton, fol-
lowed by Akron's second annual game in Rock Island. There's
three of the toughest pro teams in the field right in a row.
The Independents realize what they're up against and are honor-
bound to deliver their best to keep in good condition. There can-
not be a single sign of weakness in any of the games to come.
If one should appear, it will be downright to title aspirations.

Short Pass the Worst Menace.

THE Independents' defense is stiffening. Did you observe how regu-
larly the Chicago Tigers' 190-pound backs were spilled Sunday for
little or no gains? You said it!
Still, there is a pronounced weakness in breaking up such short
passes that enabled the Tigers to score their lone touchdown in the sec-
ond quarter. The quality of scrimmage line-work could not be very
much more effective, but with opposing linemen sitting through to follow
a short pass into the secondary zone, defense limited to three players
is wholly inadequate.
Those several well-manipulated short passes of Milton Ghee taught
the Independents to be more wary of that menacing attack. The only
good way to break up that play is merely safety-first: every defending
lineman picking his opponent and blocking him in EVERY play. There
will be trouble for letting a single attacking lineman follow one of those
short passes.

Coach Urealla hopes to have perfected an efficient aerial defense to
check whatever overhead aspirations the Staleys might have Sunday. It
might be said that the short pass is the Independents' worst menace.

When Bob Fitzsimmons remarked, "The bigger they are, the harder
they fall," he might have meant that the harder they fall, the bigger they
are.
FEW COUCH CHAMPIONS MATCH THE UPOLSTERY. BUT
THEY OUGHT TO DISPLAY MORE PEP FROM BEING SO CLOSE TO
THE SPRINGS.

"Shorty" Des Jardien—A Regular Fellow.

THE Chicago Tigers were beaten long before "Shorty" Des
Jardien left Sunday's game late in the fourth quarter. His
going was merely testimonial to the fact that the Tigers' chance
of winning was hopeless, else "Shorty" would have remained until
he had to be carried off the field, if necessary.
beyond reproach. There must be more sportsmen of "Shorty's"
class. His influence is good at all times. Win or lose, "Shorty"
is your friendly enemy, if you will. Figuratively speaking, there
is nothing small about him.
Some might have heard him rebuke one of his own men Sunday.
The fellow had been unnecessarily rough in one of the plays.
"Shorty" was Johnny-on-the-spot. His rebuke was, "Cut that
stuff; this is a clean game."

Off the field there is genuine wholesomeness about "Shorty."
He enjoys people. His heart is bigger than his frame. A clean
mind has done more toward making him a splendid athlete than
anything else. "Shorty" wouldn't take unfair advantage of any-
one. His creed is that the other fellow should have the advantage.
Seventeen years of reporting sports have not tarnished certain
athletic ideals; and "Shorty" Des Jardien, whom you saw play
Sunday, is an inspiration to any sporting writer because he's big-
every way.

Don't forget that Rube Urealla's resourceful coaching has done won-
ders toward restoring the Independents to the front rank of the pro-
fessional brethren. Rube is very sensitive about his inability to play.
Still, his kingly executive ability and skillful tact have remodeled a
skidding football team. Rube is supreme when it comes to packing the
team punch with the winning kick. He's—natural leader.

HIS PLANNING OLD-TIME FRAY FOR DAVENPORT

Encouraged By Defeat of Moline,
Islanders Seem Full of Fight
for This Year's Game, Nov. 13.

BY "ALABI AL"

Although Rock Island high ath-
letes are jubilant over the victory
from their old rivals, Moline, last
Saturday, the team is of the con-
sensus that better work must be
done before they can hope to beat
Davenport. The squad, somehow,
lacked the light that it has shown
in previous contests and failed to
hold Moline after the "Swedes" had
picked up the ball and brought it
close to the goal.

The team, as a whole, did better
work against Geneseo and Keokuk
than Moline. The only redeeming
feature of the game was the run-
ning of Duncan and Harper. Hanks
at times, played good ball, but at
other times he failed to measure up
to standard. Shetter played a good
game that was marred only by his
two disastrous fumbles. Schmidt,
at right end, performed in stellar
style and frequently mugged up Mo-
line's plays behind the line.

Early Speed Dies Out.
The rest of the team, however,
failed to quite come up to the
showing that had been made earlier
in the season. The two touchdowns
in the first few minutes of play
caused the Islanders to let up in
their fight and it was not until the
second half began that they played
regular football.

The team this year has already
made one of the best records that
any squad has ever established. The
present eleven has gone through
eight games without a defeat and
the chances are that they will finish
the season the same day. The
locals' goal has been crossed, but
three times; twice by Moline and
once by the Moline Foresters.

Hot After Davenport.
The Islanders are going to make
a strong attempt to defeat Daven-
port, Nov. 13. In the past, Rock Is-
land teams have been defeated by
Davenport long before they met on
the gridiron. The Islanders knew
that the Iowans had the best team
and failed to put up a fight. This
year, however, the squad are of the
opinion that it is as strong as
any. The Red and Blue men put a
great deal of faith in Layden, their
star quarter, whom they say is
such a fast man. The Islanders,
however, think that Harper and
Duncan are as fast as Layden ever
will be.

Next week the team meets Ster-
ling away from town. This will be
the game in which the Islanders
can show their real strength. No-
thing has been heard of the Sterling
squad as yet, but the locals
are expecting a hard fight. Last
year Sterling held the high school
to a 14 to 0 score.

Duncan Makes Good.
The playing of Duncan Saturday
stamps him at once as one of the
best halves ever seen in these parts.
With Harper, the colored flash, as
his running mate, there should be
no end to the locals' speed. One of
the features of the game was the
way Duncan ran back punts. He
was never downed without a gain
and frequently eluded the Moline
ends and forwards for long runs.

BIG RING BOUT TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK, VIEW

Real Site Withheld Until
After Election
Activities.

New York, Nov. 2.—The Demp-
sey-Carpentier fight will take place
in the immediate vicinity of New
York city in July. Universal Ser-
vice was able to make that flat
statement yesterday on the best of
authority. Formal announcement
will be made in a few days, proba-
bly Friday.

The articles were all signed last
Thursday, or at least agreed to, but
at the request of the New York
state boxing commission the mat-
ter was to be kept secret until after
election. Governor Al Smith
takes the credit for the state box-
ing laws. Also Governor Smith ap-
pointed the commission.
If the fight plans were an-
nounced before election a storm of
protest might have an adverse in-
fluence on Governor Smith's none
too robust chances of reelection.
Naturally the promoters of the fight
were agreeable to any suggestions
of this nature made by the com-
mission. Hence all the talk about
Havana.

An arena is to be built seating
10,000. Price will range from \$10
to \$200, the average being about
\$50. That means that the receipts
will be \$500,000. The arena and
expenses will cost half a million
dollars. Dempsey will get \$200,000
and Carpentier \$200,000 and the
promoters will pocket the other
\$400,000.

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